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## ONCE UPON A TIME IN UFOLOGY

by Allan J. Manak

Once upon a time, long ago in a large country, there was a small castle called Cleveland. In the Cleveland castle there lived two men. These two men published a UFO magazine.

There were many other smaller castles in this country. There was castle Seattle and castle St. Petersburg. And castles in Fort Lee, Clarksburg, Cincinnati, and Oklahoma City. But there were two giant castles that thought they owned all the country. They were Castle Washington D.C. and Castle Tucson.

And so in the year of 1966 the small Cleveland castle, during the 3rd National UFO Conference, tried to unite all the castles in this large land. But only Fort Lee and Clarksburg came together. All the other castles big and small ignored Castle Cleveland, and didn't even have the common courtesy to even answer. For shame.

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As the years passed, all the smaller castles came tumbling down. And then the Fairy Godmother of ufology waved her magic wand, and the two giant castles, one in Washington D.C., and the other in Tucson, just disappeared.

So it was, after all these years, Castle Cleveland still remains. All the boys and girls now know the name of Castle Cleveland. It's the United Aerial Phenomena Agency. The name of the UFO magazine is Flying Saucer Digest, and the name of the two men in Castle Cleveland are Allan J. Manak and Rick R. Hilberg. Today, Flying Saucer Digest is the oldest privately published UFO magazine in all this large land.

The moral of this story is: don't ignore any small castles, for one day, the Fairy Godmother of ufology might just wave her magic wand, and puff, all gone.



Rick R. Hilberg and Allan J. Manak co-chairmen of the 31st National UFO Conference held in Cleveland, Ohio. September 17th 1994. During a TV interview session.

### UFO BITS AND PIECES

by Allan J. Manak

**FREE NEWSLETTER** : To subscribers of Flying Saucer Digest, UAPA's new newsletter LO!, a different Fortean newsletter. Behold the mysterious, fascinating subjects such as: strange falls, mystery sounds, unknown animals, monster reports, geographic anomalies, ancient mysteries, religious phenomena, and much more. All one has to do is write and ask us to set aside an issue of LO! for you. A subscription will cost just \$7.00 for 4 issues. Special prices and special stories will make this newsletter truly something to behold!

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**NEW GALAXY FOUND**: Astronomers have discovered a galaxy virtually in their

own back yard, hidden behind the fuzzy streak the ancient Greeks dubbed the Milky Way. The galaxy is about 10 million light-years away in the direction of the constellation Cassiopeia, said a researcher at Cambridge University. cr: Toronto Sun, NOVember 3, 1994.

**POSSIBLE METEORITE CRATER UNDER CHESAPEAKE BAY:** About 35 million years ago, a large meteorite blasted a crater at least 85 km. across at the mouth of what is now Chesapeake Bay, says C. Wylie Poag of the U.S. Geological Survey in Woods Hole, Massachusetts. Poag and fellow USGS scientists identified what they believe to be a buried impact crater using seismic refraction techniques to image rock layers under Chesapeake Bay. They also studied jumbled sediments found on land in Virginia and the Delmarva Peninsula. Their report was published in the August 1994 issue of Geology. The seismic profiles show disturbed rock layers below the present bay floor that resemble a cross section of an impact crater. The land outcrops contain broken rocks and jumbled sediments that the team interprets as coming from tsunamis (commonly referred to as tidal waves). At the time of impact, the site was about 100 km. offshore. The geologists think the crater could also be the source for a field of tektites that stretches from Barbados to New Jersey to Texas. Tektites are glassy rocks formed when impact-melted rock is flung high into space, chills quickly, and falls again to earth. Poag and his colleagues are now searching through the deposits looking for the telltale signs of high-velocity impact shocks. These are considered by geologists to be diagnostic of meteorite impacts. Source: Astronomy Magazine, January 1995.

**NEW BOOK:** Former journalist Bob Teets has documented more than 150 UFO cases based on eyewitness accounts from West Virginians of all walks of life and from every area of the state. Sometimes with humor, often with fear, these people recount in their own words the mystery and horror they experienced when they came face-to-face with an enigmatic phenomenon as old as time, and as new as today's headlines. West Virginia UFOs: Close Encounters In The Mountain State is a chronicle of people who did not ask to see, but who now need to know....what's it about? This book is a must for every UFO researcher. For info, send to Headline Books, Inc. Box 52 Terra Alta, WV 26764.

**32nd NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE** : Will be held in Atlanta, Georgia sometime this coming September. More information to follow as we receive it. The host chairman will be Allen Greenfield, one of the founders of this conference back in 1964. Greenfield is the author of the new book Secret Cipher of The Ufonauts. Send for info to: Illuminet Press P.O. Box 2808, Lilburn, GA 30226.

**ROSWELL INCIDENT SUMMARY:** "The Roswell Incident" refers to an event that supposedly happened in July of 1947, wherein the Army Air Force (AAF) allegedly recovered remains of a crashed "flying disc" near Roswell, New Mexico. This event has been tossed about for all these many years, books have been written, hundreds of articles have been written, and yes, they even made a movie about this case. Throughout all these years, I have now become weary of this subject. Who knows, maybe this is what the

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United States Air Force (USAF) wants. Never the less, a great article appears in the Skeptical Inquirer of Jan./Feb. 1995. Everyone interested in this case should read this final explanation by the USAF.

**THE 1908 TUNGUSKA EXPLOSION** : In 1908, a mysterious blast exploded in the remote wilderness of Tunguska, Russia. The common explanation for the blast is that an iron meteor crashed into the ground. If the newest theory proves true, however, it offers a chilling preview for what could be the greatest catastrophe to strike the earth since the great flood. A pair of NASA scientists, Christopher Chyba and Kevin Zahnle, along with Paul Thomas, as astronomer at the University of Wisconsin, have reached the conclusion that the massive destruction at Tunguska was the result of a shock wave generated when a small stone meteor or asteroid exploded about five miles above our planet's surface. The group calculates that the meteor was probably about 100 feet across when it plunged into the atmosphere, the stress of its descent was greatest on its front. This stress ripped the meteor apart until it exploded. Had the meteor been composed of iron, its fall to earth would not have slowed and its impact would have left a crater. Not one expedition to Tunguska has ever found evidence of an impact crater. If true, then this scenario of an aerially exploded meteor presents terrifying possibilities. The blast destroyed more than 850 square miles of forest. Experts have concluded that the force of the blast may have been as powerful as 20 million tons of high explosives. If all this destruction was the result of a lone meteor only 100 feet across, what would happen if one twice that size came our way? Or ten times that size? Or larger? The answer to these questions might come at any time. The earth is surrounded by billions of comets and meteors, some of which come dangerously close each decade. Keep watching the skies.  
Source: Fate Magazine, January 1995.

**COLLECTORS CORNER** : The following magazines are one of a kind, unless otherwise specified. These magazines are extremely rare. Each magazine will be mailed in plastic sheets with backing boards for extra protection with the collector in mind. They also come post-free. Here is this issue's list: NICAP Reporter Vol. 4 No. 8 June 1966 (\$4.00). NICAP Reporter Vol. 5 No. 5 Feb. 1967 (\$4.00). Saucers, Space And Science No. 41 1965 (\$7.00). Civilian Saucer Intelligence Newsletter 28 pages, No. 20 July 1957 (\$8.00). Civilian Saucer Intelligence Newsletter 20 pages, No. 27 July 1959 (\$7.00). We also have the Marfa lights paper from the Sol Ross University, 6 copies, (\$1.50) each. These will go fast, so order early! UAPA-CC Box 347032, Cleveland, OH 44134.

### UFO RETROSPECTIVE

June 2, 1964 - Hobbs, New Mexico: (See our front cover for an illustration of this case) An eight-year-old Hobbs boy was seriously burned here yesterday afternoon by a mysterious flying object which sent police and medical authorities here into a so-far fruitless search for the cause of the burns. The burned youngster, Charles Keith Davis, son of Mrs. Joann Hughins, told police that a flying object burned him. He was listed in good condition at Lea General Hospital here this morning after being treated for second degree burns which covered his face and left him bald. Exactly what caused the burns had police and doctors baffled. Police said no clues as to what burned the youth have been found. The boy's attending physician said the burns were caused by some sort of open flame. Young Charles said he was burned by a fire which came out of the sky. His grandmother, who was standing about three feet from the boy

when the incident occurred about 4 p.m., said she heard a strange sound and then saw Charles "covered in black with his hair standing on end and burning. Charles was just as black as he could be....his hair was standing up on top of his head. I grabbed him and tried to smother out his hair, which was on fire," related Mrs. Frank Smith, the boy's grandmother. The strange incident occurred at the rear of the DeLuxe Laundry.

Charles was standing just outside the rear door of the laundry. Mrs. Smith was just inside the door. "I heard this sound, like something whizzing by real fast....and then I heard Charles screaming and I turned and saw him," she continued. Mrs. Smith said that after her efforts to smother the fire failed, an employee of the cleaners poured water on the boy's head and extinguished the fire. Charles' grandfather, Frank Smith, took the youth to Lea General Hospital. Questioned by police, doctors, and relatives, Charles said only that he saw something coming toward him out of the sky from the south of the building. His grandmother quoted him as saying the object was black. Mrs. Smith said she did not see the object and questioning of persons in the area turned up no other witnesses to the phenomenon. However, police said there was absolutely no trace of the fire or what caused it. There were no ashes found in the area, nor were there any scorched marks around the building, according to Mrs. Smith. Mrs. Smith added that there are no electrical or gas connections near where the youth was standing when the incident occurred. "There was no loud sound when it happened, just a sort of whoosh," Mrs. Smith added. This apparently would rule out the possibility of lightning, although light thundershowers were nearing Hobbs at the time. "There's nothing....not one clue as to what it was," Mrs. Smith asserted. Source: The News-Sun, Hobbs, New Mexico 6/3/64.

#### **UFO OR SECRET AIRCRAFT IN CALIFORNIA?**

Our friend, and editor of the highly recommended New Herald (125 West 222nd St. Carson, CA 90745) Bill Howard, sent us the following letter that we know you'll find both fascinating and thought-provoking:

I have uncovered three reports of a UFO being seen in sunny, southern California during the Thanksgiving period, 1994.

The first report was from my son-in-law, Robby. The sighting occurred over the parking lot of his apartment complex in Rancho Santa Margarita on November 23, 1994 at approximately 10 p.m. He reported that he had just arrived home from work and had parked his car when he noticed that there was a large, dark area in the sky that was drifting toward him from the N.W. It stopped above him and hovered there for approximately 5-10 minutes. He related that it made no sound, was triangular in shape and had three lights on the bottom, 2 white and 1 red which kept changing position.

When questioned about time, Robby reported that there was no missing time that he couldn't account for.

The next morning a woman called a radio talk show in Los Angeles and reported seeing the same UFO over Oceanside, CA, i.e., triangular and with three lights, 2 white and one red. She reported that the UFO continued in a S.W. direction and went out to sea.

The next sighting of this UFO occurred on November 26, 1994 in Torrance, CA. A security officer was making his rounds of a closed shopping mall at 11 p.m. when he saw a silent, triangular shaped craft with two white lights and one red light go over the shopping mall. He related that the lights kept changing position on the ship. The UFO was heading in a westerly direction which would take it out over the Pacific Ocean.

This was not a helicopter as it was silent, and the officer is familiar

with helicopters. He works next to the Robertson Helicopter manufacturing facility.

This sounds like all three people are reporting the same UFO or at least UFOs of the same model. The reason I say this is because I believe that what they saw was a new type of aircraft built by the United States Government.

For years UFO enthusiasts have speculated that the government has captured a UFO and are trying around the clock, to figure out what makes it work. Maybe they have finally figured it out. These sightings would tend to indicate that they have.

Or maybe all that research and development money that the government poured into the universities over the past 30 or 40 years for work on gravity finally paid off. This craft makes no sound, aircraft make lots of sound, helicopters make lots of sound. This craft was silent. This could mean anti-gravity propulsion has finally made its way out of the science fiction novels and is now a reality.

The fact that the UFO has been seen over densely populated areas indicates that the craft has advanced beyond the experimental stage. If it was still in the developmental stage, it would be flying over the State of Nevada where it could crash to it's hearts content and nobody would see it.

If all this is true, then we are going to see a gigantic jump in the aircraft building technologies and other related technologies.

The major question is, when is the government going to admit to all of this?

P.S. The Aurora spy plane is shaking up the City of San Diego and the surrounding area on a frequent basis.

## **AROUND AND ABOUT THE SAUCER WORLD**

by Rick R.Hilberg

### **OCTOBER MULTIPLE WITNESS CASES IN ALASKA**

On a clear Alaska night it seems like every star in the sky is visible. Cloudless nights gave Bristol Bay stargazers a chance to view the heavens, look for northern lights or behold the Big Dipper. But on Friday the 14th, Saturday the 15th, and Sunday the 16th between 8 p.m. and midnight, several residents of Manokotak, Dillingham and Aleknagik saw something that really caught their eye.

Molly Pauk, a secretary at Manokotak School, was watching television in her living room Sunday night when bright lights shining through her picture window grabbed her attention. At first Pauk paid no attention. She thought it was an airplane circling the area.

"I saw red and green lights like a regular airplane," Pauk said, "but when I went over to look out the window I noticed that the object didn't make a sound. It circled around three or four times pretty close to my house and flashed the lights right on me."

Pretty soon word spread. Anecia Lomack heard the same story from about seven people in Manokotak, including her two sons. Lomack said she might not have believed the story but the people who told her were all up-standing citizens. VHF channel 68 was all abuzz with the news after Lomack joined local chatter.

Lomack's main concern with the weekend's sightings was the safety of Manokotak children. She broadcast the story to warn people to watch their kids so they don't get kidnapped, taken away or just disappear.

As for herself Lomack said, "I'm too busy to be kidnapped. I'm

still working on Earth."

Aaron Lomack, 17, also saw the unidentified flying object. He claims while he was out driving around, a triangular-shaped object with white, blue and red lights circled silently overhead.

Aaron said he could see the Manokotak airport lights go on and drove toward the runways to see if a plane was landing. Then the airport lights shut off. But the object was still there, moving slowly, without a sound.

"I don't know what it was," Aaron said. "Probably a UFO."

Anecia Lomack said her other son, Eric, 12, also saw the silent object last weekend while driving back from a lake in Manokotak with a friend. Lomack explained that each time the object was seen, the lights went on and off at the airport.

"Eric was coming back from the lake at around midnight when he saw the colored lights overhead," Lomack said. "Next thing he saw was the lights at the airport go on, then quickly go off. He said he saw this happen twice. A lot of people who saw the UFO also saw the airport lights."

Shirley Yeager, a clerk at Dillingham's Alaska Commercial Co. store, was at the Snake Lake lookout near Aleknagik on Sunday night with a friend when she saw what appeared to be brightly colored stars in "sort of a triangular pattern."

"We were sitting there while looking out and saw what looked like colored stars. The lights looked, pink, blue and green and they were blinking on and off. It looked like a group of stars moving," she said.

"Yes, I thought it was a UFO," she said. "I never saw stars move like that before. They were just moving, there was no sound."

According to Yeager, UFOs come to Alaska because there are too many people in the Lower 48. She explained that UFOs can get their job done easier in Alaska because of the smaller population and more open spaces.

The FAA in Dillingham and Air Force in Anchorage had no comment.

cr: Bethel Tundra Drums October 20, 1994

#### CROP CIRCLE IN NEW YORK STATE

A mysterious crop circle appeared last August in a Central New York corn field, leaving UFO investigators abuzz about the second formation in the region since 1993.

The latest discovery is on the north shore of Oneida Lake, in the town of Vienna in Oneida County.

"The folks had farmed there for about 25 years and they've never seen anything like it," said Ron Taylor, a Baldwinsville geologist who investigated the formation for the Central New York Questors, a group that studies strange happenings. Taylor said they are awaiting test results, but haven't ruled out the possibility weather conditions caused the phenomenon.

The circle of flattened corn stalks is about 19 feet wide, and covers most of an 11-row corn field, Taylor said.

"It wasn't perfectly round," he said. "It was sort of elliptical, and looked almost like a comma."

The family that owns the land has no explanation, Taylor said. The family does not want to make its experience public and harvested most of the flattened corn to keep away curiosity seekers.

"They just wanted it kept kind of quiet," said Suzanne Ezra, Central New York coordinator for the Center for the Study of Extraterrestrial Intelligence.

"They weren't real open to the possibilities," Ezra added. "The father doesn't believe in UFOs, and he just wanted it done and over with."

Taylor said the family permitted him to take samples of the flattened

corn on Saturday. He said he was told the damage occurred Aug. 14.

"You could see a counterclockwise swirl of corn, with corn near the middle inter-braided and wrapped around each other. Most of it they had picked. But we did find enough corn on the stalks for samples."

The samples were sent for analysis to W.C. Levengood, a plant biophysicist who studied crop circles discovered last summer off Route 28.

The formations found in Helen Pyc's oat field in July 1993 reminded many of crop circles that have been found in Britain. Some of the British circles have been blamed on rare weather conditions or pranks. Others are unexplained.

State police suggested the Route 28 circles were the result of mischief, but never solved the case. UFO investigators had the soil and grain samples analyzed by Levengood at Pinelandia Biophysical Laboratory in Michigan. Levengood found similar characteristics to the British circles.

Results in the Oneida Lake case are expected in about a month. Neighbors reported a thunderstorm moved through the area during the day.

The landowners say the circle appeared between 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., when they were away from home, Taylor said.

The National Weather Service confirmed thunderstorms were in the area during the day, but they had no reports of tornadoes or other severe winds. They had not received reports about the crop circle.

"This is the first I heard about it," said Kirk Lombardy, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service radar station in Binghamton, which covers Central New York.

"If it was hot that day it might have been a dust devil," Lombardy said. "On a real hot day the warm air from the ground rises very rapidly and begins to spin. It looks like a tornado. They usually go as far as a field maybe, and then they dissipate."

Lombardy ruled out that possibility after he found the day's temperatures were in the 70s.

"I would say there is the possibility this could be from some sort of whirlwind vortex," Taylor said. "It's hard to think somebody would want to leave a message in an 11-row wide corn field that engulfs all but two rows."

He added, "If Dr. Levengood doesn't see anything there, I guess we'll dismiss it as a freak of nature." cr: Syracuse Herald Journal Aug. 24, 1994.

#### ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN REPORT

About a half dozen workers at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Motor Vehicle Emissions Lab in Ann Arbor say they saw a UFO zipping around the pre-dawn sky as they arrived for work September 27th.

Scott Wilson said he was checking the sky to see whether it would be safe to leave his car windows down, when he noticed a green bar of light "about an inch long and a quarter-inch wide" in the north sky.

As other workers arrived shortly after 5 a.m., Wilson and a guard directed their attention to the light.

The light would disappear as clouds moved across the sky and then reappear, and at one point a small plane seemed to fly beneath it. "That was one of the times it moved," Wilson said. The workers watched it for 15 - 20 minutes, Wilson said.

EPA Spokeswoman Janet Cohen said budget requests are due tomorrow at the lab and "a lot of people are under a lot of stress around here."

Wilson plans to call the FAA to report the incident.  
cr: Saginaw News September 30, 1994